



Outsourcing disputes continue

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News Editor

In an effort to delay the Administration's decision on the privatization of SSU's Central Duplication Services and the Book Rack until Dec. 7, the University Forum unanimously passed a resolution at its Nov. 2 meeting that assigned the Long-Range Planning Committee to developing a University policy on

outsourcing.

The group has been given the task of establishing "principles, criteria, and guidelines for determining when, if ever, outsourcing should occur," as well as deciding "whether or not privatization is congruent with the overall mission and specific nature of Salisbury State's community."

The resolution was first intro-

duced to the Forum in October, addressing faculty concerns expressed in September at the Faculty Senate meeting. Some had said they felt it premature for the University to begin reviewing bids from companies for specific services before establishing a general policy for SSU.

Several faculty members have repeatedly said they wanted further discussion on the principles of outsourcing before the University even considered it. "This is a philosophical question," one member had commented at the Sept. 28 Senate meeting. "We should first debate and discuss whether the issue is appropriate. [The issue] is not about how much money we would save, but is about whether [privatization] is contrary to the nature of SSU as a community."

Neither SSU nor its Administration has a philosophical position on privatization, Pusey had said in an opening speech at the September Senate meeting. "The [University System of Maryland



The Book Rack is one of the services being reviewed for privatization at SSU.

(USM)] Board of Regents doesn't feel they should issue such a policy." He added that former President William C. Merwin had been against privatizing housekeeping specifically, but had not established a University policy on the issue.

"I think it would be a grave error for SSU to come up with a policy that does not entertain privatization at all," Pusey concluded.

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Name change considered

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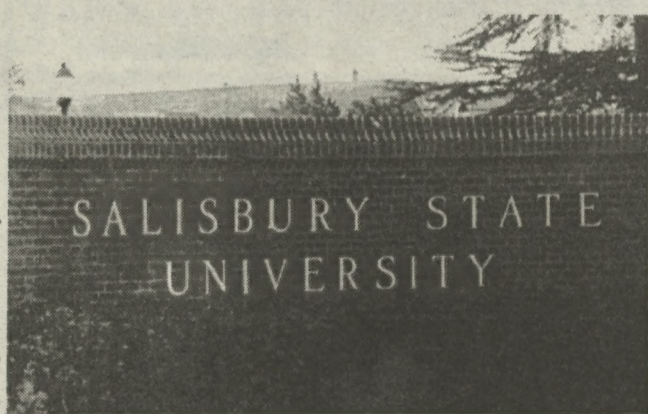
As Interim President Joel Jones proclaimed in a campus-wide email last week, SSU is considering changing its name. The two possibilities are Salisbury University and University of Salisbury. According to Jones, the University has been considering the name change for over 10 years and has already seriously

discussed it several times.

Students voted against the idea, 14-22, at the SGA Forum on Nov. 14. At this meeting, Jones explained that renaming SSU may make it more appealing to prospective students because "Salisbury University" or "University of Salisbury" would make it sound like a private university, even though it is not.

In response, one student commented, "We are a State University and should be proud of that."

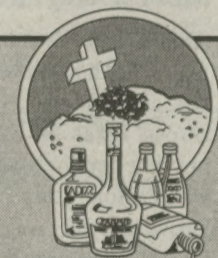
Others at the meeting were concerned about the expense that such a change would incur. President see NAME page 2



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This familiar sign may soon be replaced with a different name.

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In Case You Missed It...



Change in USM's Sexual Assault Policy

USM has proposed a change to its policy on reporting sexual assault. The Regent's current policy for reporting sexual assaults is based on an academic-year cycle, which has been superseded by the 1998 amendments to the federal Clery Act, originally known as the Campus Security Act. Among the amendments is a requirement that institutions report criminal acts, including sexual assault, on a calendar year basis every October.

Student ODs by Old College

A female university student was rushed to Christiana Hospital early Friday morning after she was found to have overdosed on a drug-related substance in the Old College area, university officials said.

University Police Captain James Flatley said that after receiving a call from a friend of the girl's at 12:44 a.m., university police went to the Old College area, where they found the female student convulsing and unconscious in the grass.

She was then brought by ambulance to Christiana Hospital and released later that day, officials said.

Police did not release the student's name because charges had not yet been filed, Flatley said. Until police receive the toxicology report, Flatley said, he does not want to speculate on the nature of the drug involved.

Death Toll Rises in Bonfire Collapse

Thousands of classmates, families and friends gathered in churches across Texas on Sunday, sobbing and praying for the twelve students killed when a four story pyramid of logs collapsed at Texas A&M University.

The logs have been stacked annually for 90 years, as part of the runup to the football game against rival University of Texas. The bonfire is a deeply held tradition on this football mad campus of 43,000 about 90 miles northwest of Houston.

Seven people remained hospitalized Sunday, two in critical condition. About 70 people were stacking the logs when the pile gave way. Some students were hurled from the structure; others were trapped in the shifting logs.

Fatal Fog-At Least Two Dead as Penn State Buses Crash

Four charter buses loaded with Penn State University students crashed on a foggy interstate early Sunday, kill-

ing a student and a bus driver and injuring at least 106 people, authorities said. The four buses were among six carrying 280 students home from a shopping trip to New York City. University President Graham Spanier said the buses drove into a "very thick wall of fog" on Interstate 80 just after midnight. In the ensuing chain-reaction wreck, three buses smashed into one another and a fourth hit a guardrail. A pickup truck and two cars also became entangled in the wreckage.

The driver of one of the buses, Robert Clifford Burges, 50, of Altona, PA, was killed. The student killed, identified by the coroner as Denise Orndorff, 23, of Ohio, was in the first row of seats on the bus behind Burges's, Spanier said.

At least five people, including another bus driver who underwent surgery, remained hospitalized in serious condition Sunday, Spanier said. Police don't know the condition of the drivers and passengers in the cars.

Trapped French Cavers Found After 10 Days

Seven exhausted but elated potholers were finally hoisted to safety in the early hours of Monday, enjoying their first breaths of fresh air after 10 days trapped in an underground cavern in Southwest France.

Rescuers, who battled for over a week against biting cold, rain and hard limestone rock to reach the missing group in a cavern some 130-330 feet underground, said they were overjoyed to have them out and amazed at the cheery spirits and good health.

The Cavers, all given a clean bill of health, said they were most of all tired and they were delighted to see their families again.

China Flies Spaceship; Capable of Manned Flight

Becoming only the third nation in history to do so, China launched an unmanned spacecraft on Saturday and brought it back for a smooth touchdown early Sunday, state news media reported. Chinese officials say its now only a matter of time before a Chinese astronaut explores space. The dome-shaped ship was in space for 21 hours and orbited the Earth 14 times. Only the Soviet Union and the United States had previously accomplished a similar feat.

Student reactions to Name change mixed

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of the Student Government Association (SGA), Lee Roth, assured students that the change would not mean an increase in tuition. However, Jones did mention that alumni would be offered another diploma with Salisbury's new name. Also, such small details as team uniforms would need to be changed.

According to Jones, a name change could not come at a financially better time, since SSU will soon be updating campus signs. Although the production is costly, the University would not need to spend any extra money to order signs with a different name.

For the Book Rack, however, changing SSU's name could be pricey, since any merchandise with "Salisbury State University" would become obsolete. According to Stan Shedacker, Director of the Book Rack, if the University were to privatize the bookstore and then change its name, the new vendor would consider it a breach of contract, and the University would not be able to hold the company to that agreement.

Jones said there are a variety of reasons for a name change. "It kind of goes along with the new level of eminence and notches up the image a little," he said. It may also put the infamous "Salisbury steak" jokes to rest. Not only that, said Jones, but the idea of adopting a new "name that fits the image of the University" is also favorable.

Roth agrees with Jones and said he is also tired of the trite jokes. "They make SSU look bad," he said. "[The University] should definitely change the name."

Next year is SSU's 75th Anniversary, a great time to announce a new name, Jones said. He also pointed out that making such a change while an interim president is in office will save a future, long-term president from having to deal with any surrounding controversies.

Roth said the decision will be made next semester, but a new name would not be implemented until July 2001. In the meantime, all members of the University community are encouraged to provide their ideas and input on the name change.

Overheard on Red Square

Turkey Trot

You wouldn't think that many people would run just to win a turkey. Yeah right. We just want the shirts!

Heartbreak House

Actor Michael Herdson - a 21-year old with a receding hairline that far back just isn't natural. No wonder he's been wearing hats all week!

Commons Parking

Could it get any more crowded? It's time for Public Safety to forget about ticketing and just start towing.

Racial concerns At SSU voiced

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In an effort to pinpoint some of the racial issues that concern SSU students, such as its lack of diversity, members of the faculty, staff, and student body met for a symposium in the Great Hall last Thursday evening.

Several different racial groups voiced their concerns about the absence of minority representation in the faculty and student populations. Currently, the total minority enrollment at SSU is about 10.3%.

John Fields, Associate Dean of Students for Minority Affairs, and Phil Bosserman, Executive Director of the Center of Conflict Resolution, moderated what has been called a "town meeting" for the University community.

"I hope that out of this will come some real solutions that are concrete and that address the situation of diversity," said Bosserman. "We want to increase the appreciation and understanding for these issues."

Fields assured those in atten-

dance that this gathering was not in response to a racial incident, unlike the last meeting of this nature eight years ago. "This is proactive," he said. "We just want to improve relationships on campus."

One of the topics under discussion was that African American students sometimes feel isolated from the majority of their classmates because most campus events are centered on majority interests.

Other issues explored included the need for a more diverse faculty and for improving the retention rates among minority students. In 1997, for example, only 62.8% of African-American students stayed at SSU after one year, in comparison to 83.3% Caucasian ones who also remained.

Although many concerns were heard, few concrete solutions were suggested. However, Interim President Joel Jones announced his plan to create a committee that would outline possibilities for correcting the University's racial shortcomings.

Grading system to Possibly change

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At the last SGA Forum on Nov. 14, the possibility that SSU may change its grading system was introduced to students, sparking a heated discussion with most students in opposition.

Members of the Academic Policy Committee, Brent Skeeter, Elizabeth Curtin, and Kathleen Shannon explained to students that instead of earning a solid "A", "B", or "C," plus and minus symbols would be attached to grades. According to them, the change will more accurately reflect students' academic progress.

Recently, faculty members have expressed an interest in changing the grading system. After looking into the issue, the Academic Policy Committee conducted a survey among faculty. The results showed that most of them desired a change and since then, different methods have been explored.

The Committee decided to add pluses and minuses to grades A-C, with the exception of an A+ and C-. New letter grades will also reflect themselves in GPAs. The highest point value remains a 4.0, an "A", but an A- will show a

3.6666, falling into the "B" range. Following behind an A- is a B+ (3.3333), B- (3.0) and so on.

The change in the grading system still remains in the preliminary stages. Many questions are unanswered and a definite solution has yet to be decided upon. If the system is changed, according to Curtin, it will be implemented in the Fall 2000 semester.

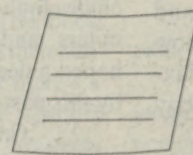
Since the SGA Forum meeting, responses from both students and faculty members have varied. Senior Chris Emge disagreed with the idea. He said, "An 'A' is an

'A,' to which student senator Angela Popowski also agreed. In opposition to these comments, Shannon said: "The initial motivation was to more fairly represent the students' performance."

Others have mixed feelings. Junior Matthew Burger partially agrees with Shannon, "It would be more fair to students and more accurate," he said, "But I think they should start the system with a new freshman class."

There is an open meeting today concerning the change in the grading system in Devilbiss Hall, Rm. 149, from 3:30 to 5 p.m. All who wish to voice an opinion are encouraged to attend.

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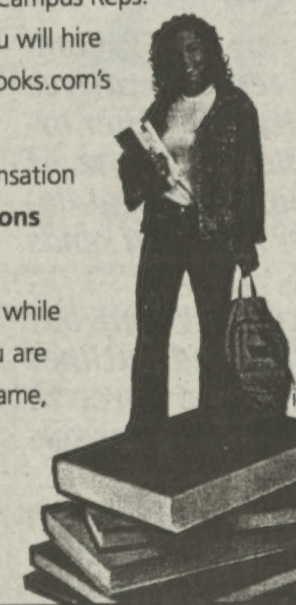
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Forum stalls Administration Decision on outsourcing

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Some Faculty members agreed outsourcing was a viable option for SSU. "The University is a business and it has a responsibility to its shareholders, who are the citizens of Maryland, to be stewards of the taxpayers' money, and to do the best that it can for the students," said Robert Dombroski, math professor and Chairman of Accounting and Legal Studies. "Hypothetically speaking, if Duplication Services will cost \$125,000 with Kinkos and \$200,000 with University employees, how do we justify taking \$75,000 of the taxpayers' money? To be nice? If we can buy a [service] for less, why shouldn't we?"

Some, such as philosophy professor Jerry Miller, view SSU in a completely contrary manner. "The University is a community, a non-profit organization, not a business," he said. "The bottom-line shouldn't be the decisive factor in making this decision."

Other faculty members were steadfastly opposed to the idea. "Privatization would destroy the sense of community that we have tried so hard to build," one member commented during the discussion following Pusey's speech.

Pusey insisted that SSU must at least consider the idea and responded by saying, "The mere fact that you won't entertain the idea of privatization - I have a problem with that." No resolution was proposed on the issue at that time, but RFPs had already been sent out by the Administration for both Duplication Services and the Book Rack. The former was due on Oct. 26 and the latter will be due on Nov. 30.

The battle over the privatization of SSU is not a new one. The University already routinely depends on private companies for certain services, such as temporary secretaries, trash removal, and capital projects (through private contractors).

Four years ago, Merwin rejected a proposal to privatize SSU's housekeeping services. Pusey says this did not establish University guidelines on outsourcing, but some faculty members do not see it the same way.

"We thought Merwin had established a principle," said Elizabeth Curtin, English professor and Faculty Representative to the RFP Review Committee. "We took it very seriously that someone in our community was threatened."

The current debate, however, began last April, when USM Chancellor Donald Langenberg sent a letter to all USM

presidents asking them "to evaluate bookstore privatization opportunities for their institutions." Merwin replied to Langenberg, proposing that the contract between the University of Maryland at College Park's (UMCP) bookstore and Barnes & Noble be reviewed to see if it could be extended to SSU.

Merwin assigned Pusey to the review, as well as a simultaneous one of Central Duplication Services, which also includes high-speed printers, personal computers, and satellite faxes. Merwin had hoped a decision would be made on both by this past October.

On May 21, the Faculty Senate unanimously passed a resolution explicitly opposing the outsourcing of Duplication Services. Former Faculty Senate President, Don Whaley, said they passed the resolution to slow the procedure down so that

the principles of outsourcing could be discussed and recommended that the Administration not consider outsourcing at that time.

"The faculty wanted to debate the ethics of outsourcing before specific criteria were decided upon," said Curtin. "We wanted to get people to stop and think - 'Is this the right thing to do?' According to Curtin, some faculty members were worried that outsourcing Duplication Services, which makes exams, would jeopardize the security of tests and were unsure they could trust an outside source.

"This is an academic issue that will directly influence faculty," Curtin said. "Right now, we have very loyal employees who are very careful with exams."

But others, such as Dombroski, said that contractual employees would not necessarily be any less trustworthy than

current employees, citing as an example a housekeeper that was caught on videotape stealing from his office by campus police. "Just because we're a part of the same community doesn't mean we can trust each other," he said.

Pusey said that when he met with the Faculty Senate, the Staff Advisory Council, and the University Forum in May, he outlined the scope and process of his review and asked each of them to send a representative to Merwin, but none of them did. "There's been plenty of opportunity to participate," commented Cathcart.

The outcry from the faculty was finally heard at the beginning of this month and another resolution on outsourcing passed, but this did not, in any way, slow the RFP review process. The fate of Duplication Services will be decided upon in two weeks.

While Long-Range Planning is drafting a policy, Pusey said, "The review process continues. The decision on Duplication Services will not be made until after Dec. 7, but it will be done at that time, if we have a policy or not."

Pusey denied rumors that the University is attempting to replace surplus money lost on failed ventures, saying that very little money was lost on the Sugar Shack and Baker's Basket. "The fiscal state of the University is more stable than it has been since 1990," said Pusey. "On the auxiliary side, we are trying to build up our reserves for the future."

While the Long-Range Planning Committee works on trying to establish a policy as to privatization's role in SSU, the Staff Advisory Council (SAC), according to its chair, Chris Roberts is also in the process of forming a statement on privatization. "We recommend the Administration act in a fiscally responsible manner," said Roberts. "We would like a written policy with a defined set of criteria that deals with all privatization issues."

According to Roberts, SAC would also like open communication between the Administration and the rest of the campus community during the entire privatization process. "Our number one concern is that no SSU employees lose their jobs," said Roberts. "Problems with morale spread like a cancer and morale is vital to the operation of the University."

Curtin agrees that outsourcing could have a negative impact on morale. "If one of us is outsourced, others worry the same thing could happen to them," she said.

Privatization Terms and Processes:

Privatization, or outsourcing, is when a state-run institution, such as SSU, either sells to private companies some or all of the services now completed by University employees, or contracts vendors to do them. The intended purpose is to save money and increase the level of service.

The Request For Proposal, or RFP, Committee, which is comprised of representatives from the administration, faculty and other organizations, along with people in charge of various groups, such as the Book Rack and Duplication Services, puts together RFPs and sends them out.

An RFP is a business document sent out to companies that calls for bids and outlines what the organization would need to agree to before being hired to perform a particular service.

Companies then submit proposals, which are like job applications, to the RFP Committee. This Committee reviews these applications, but does not debate whether or not privatization is in the spirit of the campus community.

Point of View Privatization threatens Book Rack

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Stan Shedaker loves his job. Now in his 11th year as the Director of the Book Rack, his eyes shine with excitement as he describes the continued success of the store during his tenure.

Across a small round table in his back-room office, Shedaker spreads sheets of financial statistics and fervently explains the columns of numbers. He proudly points out that the margin of profit for his store has been consistently above the national average of similar ones.

Shedaker is pleased to be a part of such a "classy" campus. Each month, he goes to the trouble of hand picking every single general reading book displayed on the Book Rack's shelves. "We are proud of what we do here," says Shedaker. "I don't believe you can get what we have here anywhere else."

But SSU's Administration is certainly going to try. More than a month ago, Vice President of Administration and Finance, Richard Pusey, sent out a "Request For Proposal," or RFP to Barnes & Noble. The business document essentially outlines the terms under which the University would allow Barnes & Noble to buy out the Book Rack, and requests that the company draft a proposed bid.

Due back one week from today, the proposal will decide the fate not only of the Book Rack, but also of Shedaker and

his staff.

No decision has been made yet, but Shedaker is genuinely concerned that privatizing SSU's bookstore will have a negative impact on its students. "I do care - if I didn't, I wouldn't be so dynamic about reciting all these facts and figures," he said. "I'm not trying to make money, I'm trying to do a good job. Making money is secondary."

In the beginning, Shedaker said that he was told to have at least a 5% return, but usually kept it around 7%, sometimes getting into trouble for making too much money. In the fiscal year of 1999, returns remained steadily at 9.1%. "The Advisory Board has always liked what we were doing and how we were doing it," explained Shedaker.

Some students may not realize all the Book Rack has to offer them and what they could possibly lose if a private vendor were to take over.

The Book Rack provides amenities, either at-cost or free, for campus organizations and events. For example, it donates T-shirts to Seagull Century and does not charge for graduation cap and gowns. University departments also get a 25% discount.

According to Shedaker, this service could become a thing of the past if the Book Rack were privatized. "I honestly don't believe a leaser could meet or beat what I'm doing," he said.

This fall, the Book Rack's "Pick 'N' Pack" gave freshmen the opportunity to reserve their books. Students submitted their schedules or marked-off on a sheet of paper what books they needed and whether they preferred new or used ones. The bookstore staff pulled the texts from the shelves and prepared boxes for students. All they had to do was pick up the box with their name on it and pay for it.

In addition to that, the Book Rack sold 108 computers. Staff members took each one to the student's dorm room, set it up, and made sure that it was running properly.

During September's "Book Rush," used books accounted for 49.1%, about \$630,000 worth, of the total textbook sales. More than 1,200 more used than new books were sold. "I don't think there's a chance on Earth that [a private vendor] could have a better used-book program than we do," said Shedaker. "I defy you to find as many books [as we have] for that cheap."

According to Shedaker, if the Book Rack is privatized, the availability of used books may significantly decrease. "[Vendors] will sell used books, but they won't usually pay as much for them," Shedaker explained. The Book Rack buys back books for half the book-list price, if they are going to be used the following semester. Vendors, on the other hand, will only pay half of what the student originally paid for the book. "I believe in buyback," said Shedaker. "I believe in used books, even though they are more work. Rather than going to one company, I [must] go to several."

Shedaker said that merchandise could also become more expensive, and less selection would be offered because the vendor would make all their money on textbooks. Shedaker commented that is exactly what happened when UMES privatized and that is why its students come to SSU to shop.

Not only will these outside companies mark up merchandise 55%, compared to the Book Rack's usual 45%, but they will also cut staff, said Shedaker. "Inevitably, people will lose their jobs and will be replaced by lower



Director of Book Rack
Stanley Shedaker

paid, part-time staff."

As to rumors that privatizing would mean savings for students, Shedaker commented, "Big buying power does not equal cheaper textbooks. Even if they got better discounts, they wouldn't pass them on to the students."

A larger company would also not necessarily be more efficient in terms of getting needed textbooks to students, according to Shedaker. "Ordering textbooks is not an exact science," he said. "We actually over-order rather than under-order." Outside vendors would have to deal with the same problems the Book Rack does - last minute changes, such as hiring a new staff member, result in textbook shortages. "I'm trained to react to the market," said Shedaker.

Shedaker simply cannot see any reason why his store should be privatized. He said that the Book Rack's situation and that of UMCP's bookstore when it was privatized are not comparable. Over the past five years, the Book Rack has given \$1,149,798 back to SSU, while UMCP only gave back \$517,210 during the same amount of time before it was privatized. "UMCP wasn't making the amount of money that we are making," said Shedaker. "We're doing very well compared to the national average - a 9.1% profit with all the great services we offer," he continued.

Shedaker said SSU is his home, but he doubts he will stay if it is privatized.



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Staff Senate replaces SAC

Liz Wood
Staff Writer

All staff, ranging from secretaries to custodians to librarians may soon get the opportunity to voice its "creativity and ingenuity" with the formation of the Staff Senate, according to Chris Roberts, Chair of the Staff Advisory Council (SAC).

The new representative body replaces SAC and aims to provide staff with an open forum for discussion and debate, essentially giving all staff members a venue for expressing their opinions on campus issues.

Previously, under SAC, only those appointed by the University president as staff senators were allowed to attend meetings. Now any staff member can run for office and meetings are open to all University employees who are not students or faculty.

Roberts said the structure of the Staff Senate is similar to that of the Student Government Association (SGA). The new organization will consist of 20 elected senators, which more accurately represents the varied interests of the University's staff. With 650 members, SSU's staff is "the largest group of employees other than the students," said Roberts.

Staff members face issues that are as large and multifaceted as the group itself. According to Roberts, one of the most important goals on the present agenda is "reducing the number of employees with no benefits."

SAC has been working to resolve this problem and Roberts said that it has already made some progress. "One of my most meaningful experiences was when some regular employees were given benefits simply because of longevity," he added. Roberts also said he hopes that more gains will be made possible through the Staff Senate.

So far, feedback on the staff's plans has been mixed. President of SGA Lee Roth said he likes what the staff is doing and fully supports their efforts. On the other hand, Skip Vandenberg, Assistant Manager of University Dining Services and staff member, said: "It has little concern for me. I don't see how this is going to accomplish much."

Although Roberts is a key player in developing the Staff Senate, he also credited Jackie Eberts and all other members of the ad hoc committee with helping to write the bylaws. These regulations, said Roberts, are the foundation of an assembly that will provide "a stronger voice in making recommendations and act as a liaison between staff and administrators."

All staff members are invited to take part in what Roberts said will be "an excellent opportunity for staff to get involved with staff issues and have a voice."

Those interested in participating may attend the Staff Senate's first meeting on Dec. 1 at 9 a.m. in the Caruthers Hall Auditorium.

Ethics of Affirmative Action debated at SSU

Jennifer Anderson
Staff Writer

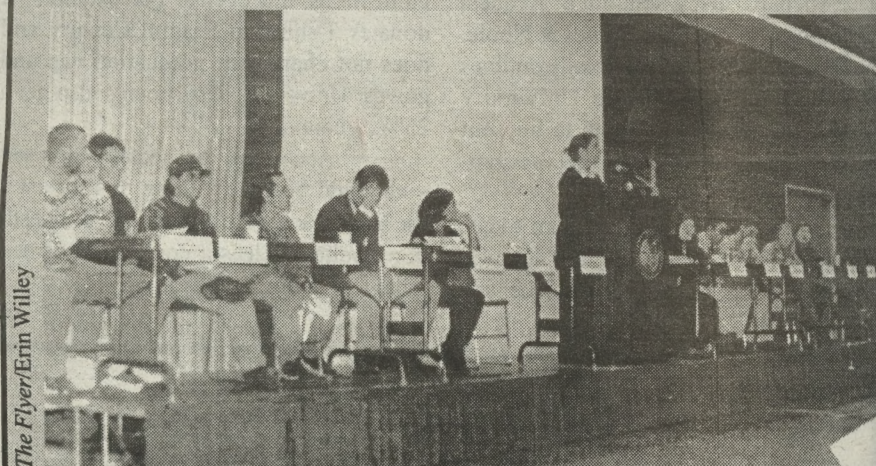
Last Thursday afternoon, Nov. 18, students from both Perdue Business School and the Fulton Liberal Arts School gathered in the Wicomico Room of the University Center to debate the ethicality of affirmative action. The spirited discussion marked the first joint project between the Management and Marketing and the Philosophy Departments.

Interim President Joel Jones, who moderated the debate, began by reminding participants to keep their arguments friendly. "This is not a formal debate," said Jones. "Animosity would be counterproductive to our purpose." Students were grouped into two opposing teams: those who were pro-affirmative action from the Philosophy Department and those against it from Management and Marketing.

"We wanted to have a spirit of cooperation among schools in the University," said Dorothy Green, who was one of two faculty mentors for the Management and Marketing team, along with her husband, Marty. Fran Kane and Grace Clement mentored the Philosophy team.

Contenders disputed the moral course of action given the hypothetical situation that a University department must decide between two candidates: a highly qualified male or a less qualified female. Teams took turns making timed statements, regrouping for two minutes between each one to prepare the next.

Senior debater Jennie Loncon said the purpose had been to "Facilitate student interaction between the [Philosophy and Business] Departments." According to senior David Starno, both groups had also intended to further educate the student body on the subject of affirmative action.



The Philosophy and Business Departments engaged in a friendly debate about Affirmative Action.

Domestic partners denied benefits

Katie Pritchard
Staff Writer

All regular employees of SSU have the option of extending their benefit packages to their spouses. But those who are unmarried and reside instead with domestic partners cannot share their coverage.

Diana Wagner, the advising coordinator for the Seidel School of the Arts, who is particularly well-educated on the subject, first became interested in the domestic partners debate while at Beaver College, outside of Philadelphia. She was there when a more inclusive benefit plan went into effect and has remained involved in the issue ever since.

"Domestic partners have legally assumed financial responsibility for each other and each other's actions," Wagner said. "This includes shared bank accounts, joint credit cards, property, and debts." Couples involved in domestic partner relationships can either be heterosexual or same-sex.

Wagner sees the issue as one of inequality. "Domestic partner benefits,

especially when given to all partners regardless of sexual orientation, reward equal work with equal pay," she said. "If you have two employees of equal rank and pay, but one has a domestic partner and one is married, the married professor who covers his or her family with University benefits is receiving much more total salary."

The Department of Human Resources handles benefits at SSU. "In terms of benefits, we have an industry-wide figure, [which is] 30% of salary, as the amount that we, as an employer, pay," said SSU's Human Resources Director, Keith Ferschweiler.

According to Ferschweiler, employees have different packages to choose from: "They include a medical plan, a dental plan, separate prescription plans, and a few different life insurance plans where the

spouse can be insured," he said.

The State of Maryland decides who receives employee benefits. "We receive a packet from the state at the beginning of each year," said Dr. Peggy Klein of the Department of Human Resources. "That tells us which plans are offered and who is on each plan."

Wagner said that the policy does not reflect the reality of families in today's society. "The USM policy is not driven by bigotry or malice," she said. "Rather it is driven by tradition and confusion between how things used to be and how things are."

She said that by acknowledging the changing image of a family, employee/employer relations would improve. "When an employer extends benefits to an employee's family, the message is that the family is important," Wagner said. "With-

holding benefits from a family says, 'We don't think that your family is important, but your co-worker's is.'" Wagner also said she believes that by instating a domestic partners policy, employers would enjoy higher recruitment and retention rates.

Both the city of Baltimore and the state of Delaware offer domestic partner benefits. A number of national universities, including Duke, Princeton, and the University of Iowa also have these types of plans.

Donald Singleton of the Communication Arts Department said that there is no reason to deny domestic partner benefits. "Why not, it makes no sense," Singleton said. "It is a kind of stereotype, that's an anathema."

Wagner said that employees all deserve to be treated equally. "Federal law prohibits discrimination based on gender, age, race, religion, etc, but discrimination against same-sex or opposite sex unmarried partners is permitted," she said. "It is up to the employer to change that. SSU can change that."

Health Watch... Date-rape drugs abused on college campuses nationwide

Sue DiGiulio & Shelli Hardesty
Staff Writers

Going to parties used to be a care-free, enjoyable, relaxing way to end a tiresome week of classes. Now, due to a rising popularity of date-rape drugs, social situations have become dangerous and even deadly.

The most well-known date rape drugs are Rohypnol and clonazepam ("Roofies") and the very similar, gamma-hydroxybutyric acid, better known as GHB. These two drugs have found their way into alcoholic beverages across the nation, even right here on Salisbury State University's campus.

An incident that occurred last year involving two SSU students created quite a controversy concerning the drug GHB, which has gained recent popularity

as a recreational drug due to its intoxicating effects. It is also used as an alternative to steroids for body building, but its most common use is as a date-rape drug.

The effects of GHB are similar to those of alcohol, giving the user feelings of relaxation and tranquility. Other effects include loss of muscle function, hallucinations, and blackouts. GHB has been used for medicinal purposes in Europe as a general anesthetic; a treatment for insomnia and narcolepsy; an aid in childbirth as a pain reliever; and as a treatment for alcohol withdrawal syndrome. It was investigated and illegalized in 1991 by the Federal Drug Administration and Department of Justice for its harmful effects.

Rohypnol has earned its name as a date rape drug because of the sedative-hypnotic effects it has on the individual.

Banned in the United States, it tends to affect a person physically and psychologically, making a victim more vulnerable to sexual assault. It can also be lethal when mixed with alcohol or other depressants.

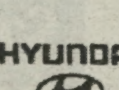
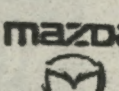
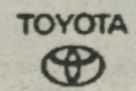
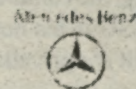
A closely related drug, clonazepam, has very similar effects on a victim. It creates a sleepy, relaxed, "drunk" feeling that begins 20 to 30 minutes after taking it, and can last anywhere from two to eight hours. When taken, the victim may experience blackouts, loss of memory, disorientation, dizziness, nausea, and difficulty with motor movements and speech. These small, white tablets have no taste or odor when dissolved in a drink and are ten times more potent than Valium. Like GHB, "roofies" are used in 64 countries for medicinal purposes such as insomnia, anxiety, convulsions, and muscle tension.

Two recent cases involving young women raised a national concern about the dangers of "roofies" and other date rape drugs. Two women, from Florida and Tennessee, were both victims of "roofies" when it was unknowingly slipped into their drinks. In both cases, the girls passed out and were raped, and were unable to recall enough details about what happened to press charges.

To avoid becoming the next date-rape drug victim, watch what you drink. Do not let anyone else get drinks for you or refill your cup. Drinking in excess impairs your judgement and makes you more susceptible to unwanted advances, so use alcohol in moderation.

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Life Lessons

by Minda Thorward

Now I Know

I used to dread Thanksgiving. While my friends were dreaming of homemade mashed potatoes and pumpkin pie, and skipping class to go home early, I would wait until the night before, or even the day of Thanksgiving to go to my parents' house. It wasn't home anyway. I'd never lived there. I had been on my own since I was 19 and my parents had moved shortly after I left for college.

When I finally went home, I avoided hanging out with my family until my step-mom beckoned me to set the table. She and I could only be in the same room with each other for only a couple hours before we started screaming at each other. Ditto for her and my younger sister.

My dad did his best to keep the peace, but it was never easy. My step-sister often spent Thanksgiving with her father in North Carolina. I would have too, given a choice.

Holidays centering on food, such as Thanksgiving, had always been especially difficult for us, because they heightened family tensions that surrounded my younger sister's anorexia.

It was horrifying to watch the skeleton that had been my baby sister push peas around on her plate, refusing to eat them because our step-mom had put a teaspoon of margarine in the serving dish. For a while, she would eat turkey, but only the white meat.

Then she became a "vegan," a perfectly acceptable lifestyle, if it is not being used as an excuse to subsist on daily rations of one head of lettuce and two slices of wheat toast.

And the worst part of it all was that feeling of helplessness. No one, not even her big sister, could save her. Our family had been blessed with so much, our Thanksgiving table laden with more food than any of us could possibly eat, and yet my sister was starving, sitting next to me, dying.

My sister eventually beat her anorexia, although she remains a vegan. My step-mom and I have grown much closer over the years, and we have learned to accept each other's flaws instead of re-

sending them.

But despite all this, I did not really appreciate what I had until this year.

This year is the first time I cannot be with my family for Thanksgiving. My parents are visiting relatives in California, my step-sister is touring the U.S. with a friend, and my younger sister will be in Montana with her boyfriend's family.

Saddened and lonely, it dawned on me that I have taken our annual Thanksgiving gatherings for granted all these years.

I've finally realized that my family is wonderful, and despite our differences, I am lucky to have all of them and that all of us are healthy and happy in the paths we have chosen.

I am lucky to have never lacked food, or shelter, or love.

I am lucky anorexia did not take my baby sister from me.

I am lucky that my best friend when I was five became my sister three years later.

I am lucky that my parents have always encouraged me to be independent and have supported all my decisions, even if they did not agree with them.

My parents have always taught my sisters and me the importance of sharing our good fortune with those in need, but I never really understood just how fortunate we were.

Now I do.

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The Flyer Staff would like to wish you and yours a very happy and healthy Thanksgiving!
Be careful driving home and don't eat all the turkey!

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Letters to the Editor...

Responses to Issue 9's editorial on iMacs

To the Editor:

While it is unfortunate that you have had various problems with your iMacs, I feel as if you are assessing blame to the wrong parties.

First of all, it seems as if you did no research on Apple or its iMac. Such a study would have not only presented information on how iMacs perform, but also what to do in case of an emergency. For example, you wrote that your iMacs "crashed." If such an occurrence was the result of a hardware problem, you could have easily sent the computer(s) to a local Apple Specialist (in Dover) and they would repair the problems, free of charge, since it would be covered by the warranty. The new part and the repaired computer(s) would be ready in only 48 hours! Beats two months.

Second, maybe you should give more of the blame to ITS. How many times have the IBM-PCs located throughout SSU "crashed" for no apparent reason, causing students to lose precious information? On more than one occasion, fellow students and I have lost material merely by trying to save everything. And let me not even start about GroupWise.

Third, why would you decide on choosing iMacs when 99.9% of SSU uses IBM-PCs? I realize that you create The Flyer using Apple computers, yet iMacs offer different programs than other Macintoshes and also stress the application of a little bit of higher knowledge. While there is software to make the two versions of computers compatible, there are still many deterrents on creating a suitable environment between Macintoshes and IBM-PCs. Besides, maybe your problems with the iMacs were just the result of your incompetence with such a machine.

Written using an iMac,
Matt Nowak
Senior, ELED

To the Editor:

In response to your recent editorial detailing your less than satisfactory experiences with the six iMacs you purchased last summer, I would like to raise a few issues. The problems you have been having may not necessarily be related to the iMacs. I assume that, by now, The Flyer offices are connected to the campus network (it wasn't when I was productions manager there from 1994-1995); therefore, when the network has problems, you are going to experience problems. As we all know, our campus network has been, shall we say, less than reliable. I know, I deal with it on a daily basis here in the Publications Office. Could it be that the problems you've had are related? It doesn't matter if you had a group of Pentium III Dell PC's or a bunch of old 386's; if the network chokes, hiccups or otherwise has some sort of problem, odds are you're going to freeze up, crash or run slowly. And when a computer freezes up, the possibility always exists of damaging files, which in turn can make any computer unstable afterwards. This is why we save often. While I don't own an iMac, I do own a Macintosh at home and support an entire office of Macs, some older and some newer than the iMacs, and we too are frustrated when things go wrong. And we're not publishing a weekly newspaper; we have ongoing daily deadlines for a variety of projects sometimes far more complex than a newspaper with much higher demands on the computer and the network. In daily use, I can go for days without having to restart my computer unless the network freezes it.

While I will admit that

Macintoshes are not perfect and you will get the occasional lemon (in regards to your crippled Lime machine), I think you will find that the failure rate is much higher in the PC world. I find it unfair that you would bash an entire computer line that revolutionized the way people look at computers in their physical surroundings as well as the way people interact with the computer based on your limited, albeit bad, experience. Furthermore, troubleshooting a Macintosh when there are problems is a far more simpler task than a PC; try editing your Windows Registry some time. Troubleshooting a PC usually means wiping the hard drive clean and reinstalling everything rather than fixing it. You will find that is a very rare occurrence in the Macintosh world.

Finally, I would like to offer my services to come over and teach your staff how to diagnose and fix whatever problems you may have. It's not very difficult and I would imagine it could fix 80-90% of the non-network problems you are having. As for the network, well, I'll leave that up to the IT professionals. I'm just a graphic artist who knows the tool that provides me with my livelihood inside and out. Feel free to print this response or to keep it private. Either way I would like to opportunity to help out and change your minds about your iMacs.

Respectfully,
Shawn Punga
Graphic Artist
SSU/Publications Office

Response:

Your offer to assist us is appreciated greatly. We will certainly take advantage of such an offer - maybe you will have better luck working with the computers that seem to hate us.

Perhaps you are right about the blame not being on the Macintoshes. Thank you for your input and suggestions!

To the Editor:

Someone once said, "You get out of things what you put into it." From what I gather, you did not put enough research or money into "it." In my opinion, the latter is where your trouble came into play. You budgeted around \$6,000, which is a lot of money, but for this amount of money you said that you needed six or seven computers. This is a constraint that no IT staff member would want placed on him or her. Good Macintosh computers are expensive, and when you buy computers, price and quality go hand-in-hand. Running an operation like The Flyer requires an extensive amount of technologically superior products. Your budget for new computers is sadly short of acquiring any such product. The Macintosh that you needed to purchase to stay up with technology is called the G4 and this computer has a base price of around \$3,000, and that is just for one computer. So you are about \$14,000 off from the budget that is desired to do the job that you need these computers to perform, and at that price, it is still not doing it well. Another option you could have chosen was to buy two really good computers now and wait until you had more money to buy the rest.

I must say that I am sorry for all the trouble that you have experienced, but if you did more research, you would have realized that in essence, you were telling them (IT) here's one lemon, I need five gallons of lemonade, and on top of all that, it has to taste good.

Heather Lombardo

Response:

As soon as we purchase the computers, they become SSU property. Therefore, any adjustments or improvements the computers may need are done by on-campus services or are sent out according to their professional opinions. We could not simply walk out of the office, computer-in-hand and bring the broken computers to Apple.

Besides that, what we want to know is why we should have to get repairs done on brand new computers. One, we could understand - things do happen, after all. However, when the second one started doing the same thing,

it got a bit ridiculous.

Your question as to why we chose Macintoshes over IBMs, has already been answered in last week's editorial. IT suggested the iMacs and guaranteed that those would be the best computers.

Perhaps, as you say, our problems with the iMacs were "just the result of [our] incompetency with such a machine." However, if that is the case, then why did the first broken computer crash completely for the last time while an IT representative was working on it?

Thanks for your input. We welcome further comments or suggestions!

Response:

During our initial stages in getting new computers, we never set a price that we were willing to spend on the new computers and we didn't specify that we wanted exactly six new computers. We simply asked for an IT representative to come in and give suggestions.

We are not quite sure why you assume that our budget was \$6,000, but we actually ended up spending more than that anyway because we upgraded our other two computers.

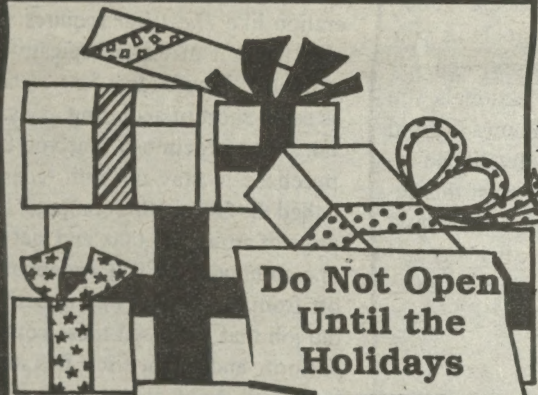
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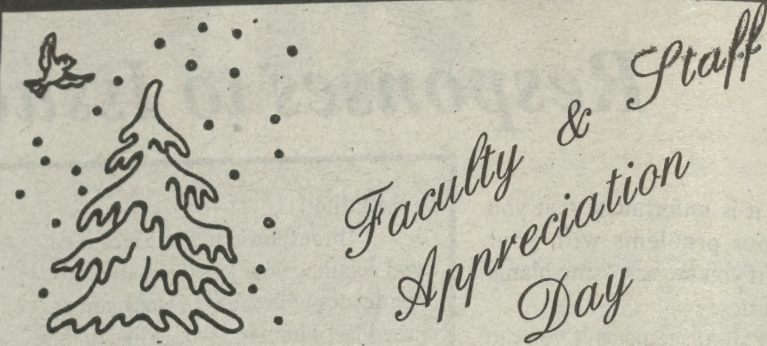
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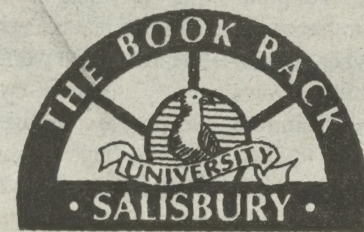
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The other side of Greek life

Teresa Piekarski
Features Editor

What do the movies *Animal House* and *Revenge of the Nerds* have in common besides humor? They both give the Greek system, fraternities and sororities, a bad name. Sure, these organizations like to have a good time, just like the rest of us, but they do more than just party. In fact, the Greek system has taken great strides to develop more community projects, such as philanthropy service projects and even activities that join the campus together, demystifying the negative Greek stereotypes portrayed by the media.

For example, earlier this November, Alpha Sigma Tau sponsored Singled Out III. "The night went extremely well. We had a really great turn-out, which helped raise money for good causes locally and also nationally," said Trisha Ehman, president of A&T. Proceeds from this fun evening of matchmaking benefited Ginger Lasely, a local girl suffering from leukemia, and also A&T's national philanthropy, Pine Mt. Settlement School, a school for underprivileged children in Kentucky. A&T raised \$100 for each charity.

The Zeta Psi chapter of Delta Gamma held its second annual Anchor Splash. A self-supported fundraiser in which all monies or donations are sent to Delta Gamma's national philanthropy, Service for Sight, Anchor Splash is a swim competition featuring fun events such as ping-pong and rubber ducky relays, as well as some traditional swim events.

"This year's Anchor Splash was a huge success. From registration at 10:30 a.m. to the close of the post-party, where 'The Other Blues Brothers' jammed to some popular tunes, everyone involved had a blast while giving back to the community," said Mindy Allen, president of Delta Gamma.

Winning the competition was Pi Lambda Phi, followed by Tau Kappa Epsilon in second place and Football in third place. Jay Tringone and Angela Popowski earned the titles of Mr. and Ms. Anchor Splash, while Rob Schultheis won the superlative of Most Beautiful Eyes.

Alpha Sigma Phi, along with SGA and SOAP, recently sponsored Midnight Madness in Maggs Gym. "Last fall, Midnight Madness was a way for Alpha

Sigma Phi to get its name out and also to hype up the men and women's varsity basketball teams," explained Matthew Balish, co-chairman of the event. "Since Alpha Sigma Phi is heavily rooted in charity work, this year's event also served the additional purpose of raising money for a good cause."

Participants in this event supported the men and women's basketball teams, while entering contests, such as the half-court shot and the money grab, for cash and prizes. This evening of fun raised \$111 for the Eastern Shore Aids Foundation.

Pi Lambda Phi recently finished its semi-annual blood drive for the Blood Bank of Delmarva. Set up and organized by Pi Lambda Phi brother Jason Grove, the event resulted in a donation of approximately 80 pints to the blood bank. The ladies of Zeta Tau Alpha held their Fourth Annual Mr. Zeta Pageant last Thursday night, raising money for the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. Consisting of several different contests, the



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Greeks sponsor many activities on campus, providing entertainment and fun for SSU students.

pageant includes pick-up lines, beach and eveningwear, and thought-provoking questions as criteria used to judge and eliminate the contestants down to the winner.

This year, Rick Deale, president of Alpha Sigma Phi, earned the title of Mr. Zeta.

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Count your blessings!

Monica Yaeger
Staff Writer

Thanksgiving is a time to reflect on all the wonderful things in our lives, such as health, happiness, friendship and love. SSU on-campus students, however, have some additional thanks to give during this short vacation.

For example, how wonderful will it be to use the bathroom without squirming and contorting your body in silly pretzel-like ways, as you frantically search for the right key to get into the restroom? And another bathroom blessing, you can leave those shower sandals at home, for I doubt you will need them to protect you from those nasty bacteria. As if that isn't enough to be thankful for, just wait...there's more.

When your tummy starts to grumble and rumble, all you need to do is open up that refrigerator door. There will be no leaving the warm shelter of

your dorm room to hike over to the Commons in the cold, windy weather. Another bonus, you don't have to worry about where you last saw that meal card of yours. Plus, no more trays to carry your food (and therefore, no fear of dropping that tray in the middle of a huge dining hall of people.) And, unless you plan on eating a lot of fast food over the break, there will be no waiting in line for a meal. Also, if you get hungry after 9 p.m., there is a good chance that there will be something you can eat without first having to look for the misplaced Sub Runners or Papa John's menu.

Now, let's say you want to go visit that old childhood friend. Why, just simply go over, knock on the door,

and presto...I bet your knock will be answered quickly, or at least quicker than a response from those dorm call boxes. Then, when you finally get to see your friend, you can enjoy the freedom of wandering around a little bit. Well, you can at least go to the bathroom or leave whenever you want to without a dormitory escort policy in effect, making it so you can only leave when it is convenient for someone to walk you to your destination.

Off-campus students, do not feel left out, but as you can see, these added benefits of home which I have described most likely do not pertain to your situation. Of course, there are al-

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Student Spotlight Joey Hutchinson

Marcie Judges
Staff Writer

Planning, organizing and prioritizing are three keys to ensure survival for junior Joey Hutchinson. When you are involved in as many activities as he is, you need to stay on your toes just to keep on top of such a busy schedule.

Hutchinson is president of the Collegiate Conservative Society, president of Student Impact (SSU's version of Campus Crusaders), vice-president of College Republicans, and a senator in the Student Government Association. Quite dedicated to these organizations, Hutchinson has been involved in all of these activities since his freshman year, with the exception of the SGA, which he joined last December.

"I have a commitment to God first and to school second," said Hutchinson. "God honors your time when you put him first."

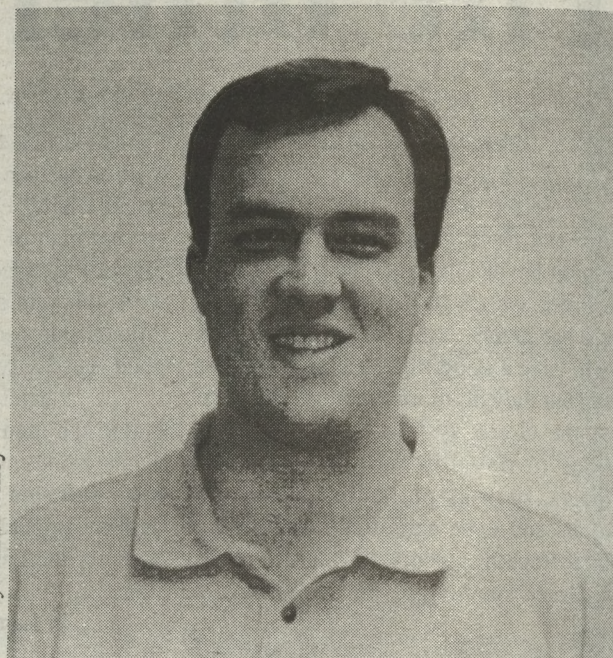
With all of these activities, however, Hutchinson is still able to excel in his academics. A student of the Thomas E. Bellavance Honors Program, Hutchinson is double majoring in business administration (with a concentration in marketing) and history.

Hutchinson has enjoyed his time at SSU so far, mainly because of the benefits of its relatively small student body. "I enjoy the small classes here and the one-on-one interaction with the professors that can be found, especially in the higher level classes," stated Hutchinson. "I also really like being involved in all the activities here and that I don't get lost in the shuffle of things like I would at a larger university."

Hutchinson wants students to get the most out of their college experience. "Get involved with organizations as soon as possible, because that is how you will meet your friends. Even upperclassmen

should get involved for it is not too late. Organizations offer new experiences and are good ways to meet new people," he commented.

Hutchinson would also like to invite all interested students to attend the on-campus church service, CLASS, held every Sunday morning, which is sponsored by Student Impact. Held in room 111 in Fulton Hall and led by a local couple starting at 10:30 a.m., the service is informal and non-denominational.



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Greeks lend a helping hand

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Sigma Alpha Epsilon volunteered this past October at Salisbury's Haunted Zoo, enabling community children to have some safe Halloween fun. The fraternity also participates in clothing drives for the Salvation Army and works at the Wicomico Civic Center, serving as security and setting up and breaking down the area for concerts and other events. "We do a lot in the spring," explained Jay Lappen, president of Sigma Alpha Epsilon. "Our big event is Paddy Murphy."

This past October, Phi Mu held its First Annual National Philanthropy Day, where Phi Mu chapters everywhere worked to help their philanthropy, The Children's Miracle Network. SSU's Phi Mu chapter had a Trick-or-Treat for Children's Hospitals, raising money for their local hospital, Johns Hopkins. During the day, the sisters of Phi Mu stood in front of Walmart, collecting donations, and later that evening

went door-to-door collecting more. In all, Phi Mu raised \$200 with its efforts, and Walmart then matched that price.

On Dec. 4, you can see the brothers of Tau Kappa Epsilon ringing bells in front of SuperFresh, raising money for

the Salvation Army. Next semester, TKE hopes to sponsor a lecture, along with the Richard A. Henson School of Science and Technology, on genetics research.

Yesterday, the Interfraternity Council, along with SOAP, held its Swinger Sale. Auctioning off two guys from each fraternity, the Swinger Sale allowed the ladies of SSU to bid on their favorite guy. The highest bidder not only gets a date with the guy, but also dinner for two at a local restaurant. The proceeds go to the Center for Infant and Child Loss.

Panhellenic presents Murder Mystery Theater on Thursday, Dec. 9 from 7 p.m.-9 p.m. Proceeds will go towards the Grant-A-Wish Foundation. If you are interested in having some fun while helping a good cause, contact Danielle McGovern through email at DSM2646 to register.

The Greeks not only as-

sist in causes in the community, but on the SSU campus, as well. For instance, the Greeks have recently been fighting for the student voice in the University Forum. "Usually at Forum meetings, there are about 10 students. At the last meeting, however, there were probably about 50 students, with probably at least 70 percent being Greeks," said Christine Pelletier, vice-president of SGA. "Their support was awesome."



Greeks know how to have a good time while raising money for important causes.

Greeks also serve on many committees, which assist in bettering the University. For example, Popowski, a sister of ZTA and president of the Panhellenic Council, heads the SGA Alcohol Committee.

So, next time you pop in that video of *Animal House*, by all means, laugh hysterically at the humor, but keep in mind that this is not actually the

reality of Greek life. The Greek community, in actuality, contributes more to the campus than just good parties. Some hope that the future addition of the Scarborough Leadership Center will help get this point across. "We are looking forward to the new [leadership] center being built to bring added emphasis to what the Greek community does, not only for the school, but for the community as well," said Kevin Clark, president of Pi Lambda Phi.

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There are so many ways to get involved and help fulfill community needs. Now is as good a time as any with the onset of the holiday season. So, go out there and make an impact on the community. Even a pebble thrown in a pond makes a ripple. Every ripple counts.

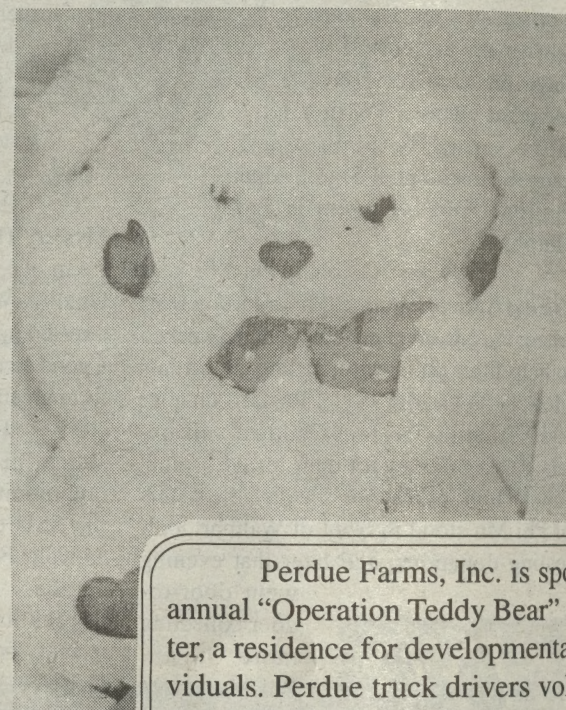
SSU's Social Work Club is sponsoring two families for Thanksgiving and Christmas through the Christian Shelter. Those who wish to contribute for Thanksgiving can still donate traditional meal items and canned goods today and tomorrow. Last year, the Social Work Club's Christmas program, Angel Tree, was so successful that it has been extended. Winter Wonderland honors the various religious and seasonal holidays being celebrated this year at SSU. The campus community is encouraged to donate gifts, toys, clothes, or food. To participate, call Jill Fellman at (410) 548-2280.



The Town of Delmar runs a food pantry in conjunction with a number of local organizations, such as Ladies Auxiliary and VFW, Harvest Ministries, Delmar High School, and area churches. Based on need and referrals compiled throughout the year, a number of food baskets are delivered during the holiday season. Aside from the opportunity for organizations to adopt families, they are requesting donations of non-perishables that can be used to make a meal, like canned soup, and gifts for children under the age of 17. Please deliver them to the Delmar Town Hall, 8-4:30 daily. For more information, call Sara Bynum-King at (302) 846-2664.

*For more information call the Shore C.A.N Volunteer Center at (410) 546-6015

Getting Involved with Community Needs



Perdue Farms, Inc. is sponsoring the 17th annual "Operation Teddy Bear" at the Holly Center, a residence for developmentally disabled individuals. Perdue truck drivers volunteer their time for the Dec. 4 event, 8 a.m.-noon, taking residents and locals on tours of the Salisbury area. Anyone, who would like to help out, please call the Shore C.A.N. Volunteer Center at (410) 546-6015 or stop by.

Get into the spirit of the season... Volunteer at one of the following:

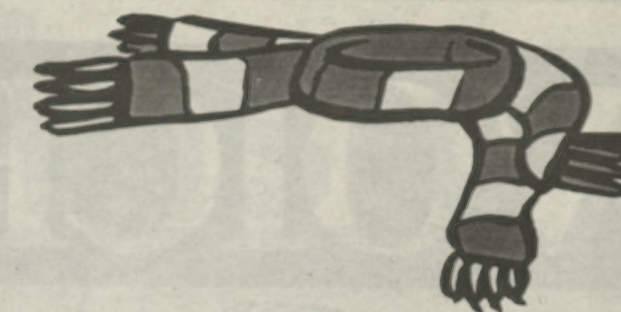
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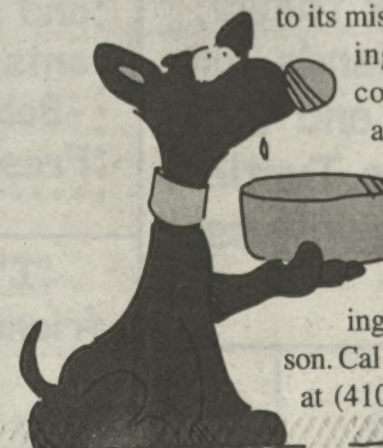
SSU students help break record at bone marrow drive



L-R Top Row: Avie Scates, Jeanne Coltrane, Joanna Adams
L-R Bottom Row: Steve Rannacher, Rob Schulteis

SSU's Roots and Shoots Club has adopted a family for the Christmas season in conjunction with the Salvation Army. Anyone who would like to make a donation or volunteer to help out in any other way, please call David Gysberts and Wendie Warden at (410) 341-3741, or email David at dsg9129@students.ssu.edu.

The group is also collecting donations for the Wicomico Animal Shelter's Wish List, such as food and treats for dogs, cats, kittens, and puppies, as well as pet toys, blankets, towels and supplies for cleaning and grooming. Roots and Shoots adheres to its mission of fostering respect and compassion for all living things, by helping out both people and animals during the winter season. Call Erin Browning at (410) 548-2797 to contribute.



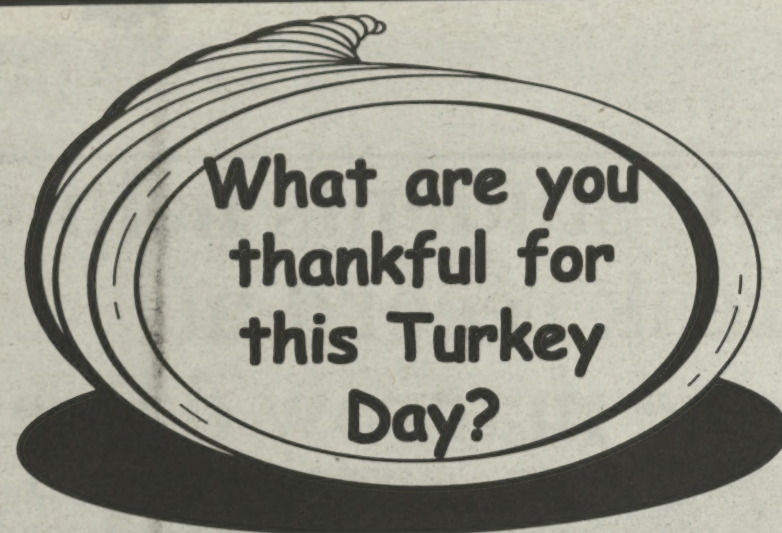
SSU students joined area residents last weekend for the largest bone marrow drive in the history of the American Bone Marrow Registry (ABMR). More than 2,350 volunteers had their blood drawn Nov. 13-14 at the Salisbury Elks Lodge #817, breaking the previous record of 697 set seven years ago in Cleveland. Blood samples will not only be tested for donor eligibility to help three Salisbury children in their battles with leukemia, but results will also be entered into a national registry to help leukemia patients worldwide.

"The response was stunning," said Director of SSU's

Medical Technology Program and assistant professor of Transfusion Services Joanna Laird, who accompanied students to the drive. "Our medical technology students take courses where they learn about diseases like those affecting these children. They know how hard it is to find a match for a bone marrow transplant."

Anyone interested in more information on blood donor eligibility or the American Bone Marrow Registry can call Laird at (410) 543-6364. To volunteer, email the drive coordinator Stacy Weisner at stacyweisner@hotmail.com.

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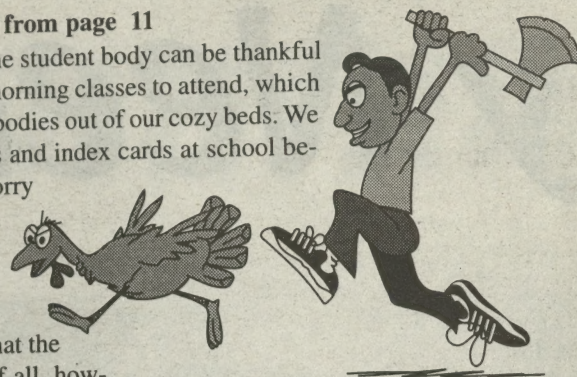
Gobble, Gobble, Gobble!

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ways common things that the student body can be thankful for. There will be no early morning classes to attend, which force us to drag our lifeless bodies out of our cozy beds. We can leave those highlighters and index cards at school because there are no tests to worry about until we get back.

None of us will have to make a trip to the computer lab only to find out that there are no open computers or that the system has crashed. Best of all, however, we all get to be with our family and friends, enjoying a good, home-cooked meal.

So, when you are passing those potatoes and salivating over stuffing, take a moment to realize all that you have to be thankful for. Enjoy the pleasures of home while you can because soon, you will be sliding across the floor in your wet shower shoes, searching for your meal card so that you can rush downstairs to open the door quickly for your friend who wants to walk in the cold to the dining hall before studying for that 100-question exam in British Authors 6008.



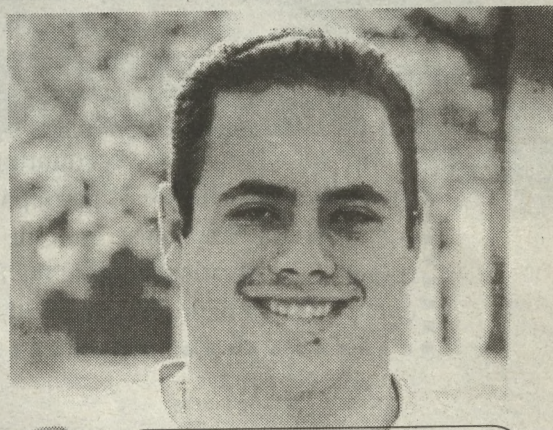
"My independence."
-Matt Durrschmidt
Junior



"Sometimes I'm
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on my mood!"
-Kristen McFadden
Senior



"I'm thankful
that the semester
is almost
over."
-Lee Roth
Senior



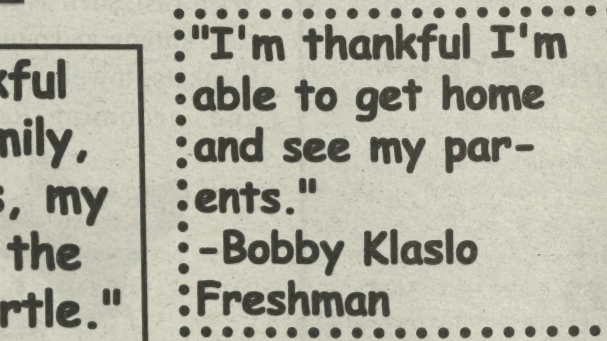
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-Bobby Klaslo
Freshman

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friends and family."
-Kelli Hecht
Freshman



Matt's Music

Music you've heard of: Beck "Midnite Vultures" (DGC) ****1/2

Beck fans can relax. They have finally been blessed with the long-awaited, "official" follow-up to Beck's landmark LP "Odelay." Last year, Beck Hansen released "Mutations," a collection of sublime and poetic tracks that left many less-than-hardcore Beck fans scratching their heads. Although a wonderful release in its own right, "Mutations" was regarded, by many, to be nothing more than a self-indulgent interlude between "Odelay" and the next step in Beck's trend-setting career.

Enter "Midnite Vultures," and don't forget to bring your party hats. Beck lays down the groove you have all been waiting for with 11 tracks to freak you silly. Beck knows what you want. He knows how you want it. And both you and Beck know he's the only one that can give it to you. So, he plays with you-taunts you. And finally, you're rewarded the big payoff, and it's sooo worth it.

On "Midnite Vultures," Beck does it all. From the retro-pop of "Sex Laws" (the first single) to the cheeky slow-jam of "Debra," Beck shows you that there isn't anything he can't handle. Electro-



funk, country soul, West Coast hip-hop, it's all in there. One could argue that, due to the diversity of each song, the album lacks cohesiveness. Well, that's true. On his other releases, Beck stayed within his own certain frame, pushing the envelope, but not breaking it. "Midnite Vultures," however, bursts the envelope open, spilling its contents into your lap, and all you can do is beg for more. When you think about it, who's really going to raise his/her hand and cry out that he/she wants cohesion? It's Beck! And Beck can basically do whatever he wants, can't he? (The answer is yes.)

Music you may have heard of: The Promise Ring, Very Emergency (Jade Tree) **1/2

Over the course of two full-lengths and a collection of singles, Milwaukee's hard-touring Promise Ring has amassed a large following of so-called "emo-core" or "post-hardcore" fans. The group's 1997 release "Nothing Feels Good" received many elitist indie-snob's Album of the Year Award, and won them a reputation as one of the premiere independent bands in the nation.

Sweeter than cotton candy, and leaving a better taste in your mouth than baseball card bubble-gum, The Promise Ring's music expanded the definitions of "emo-pop" set by every other band ripping off Sunny Day Real Estate. Dynamic guitar-driven style, catchy vocals, and easy-to-remember lyrics sent every wide-eyed 17-year-old high school girl (and boy) frantically scrambling to get to the front of each sold-out show. So, expectations for their first full-length in two years were naturally very high.

Unfortunately, "Very Emergency" fails on just about every count. The album is decidedly mid-tempo, uncharismatic, and flat out boring. Ap-

parently, Davey von Bohlen and crew have run out of the spark that kept them ahead of the rest of bands competing in the ever-increasing "emo" genre. The album lacks the maturity, sincerity, and overall catchiness that originally put them on top.

In interviews, the band claims that this is their "most mature release" to date, and that they're not concerned with fans' opinions because the album turned out exactly as they had hoped. Riiiiiiight. Hey, it's okay for bands to change, as long as it's for the better. Instead, I'm stuck with a disappointing release from a band that had just recently won my favor, and will now find a new home in the stack of CD's I'll never listen to again.

THE PROMISE RING VERY EMERGENCY



Music you may have heard of: The Dismemberment Plan, "Emergency and I" (DeSoto) ****1/2

After its second successful full-length album on DeSoto Records, entitled "The Dismemberment Plan...Is Terrified," this band was signed to Interscope records. The members hoped this move would give their music more exposure. Unfortunately, they signed right before the label was bought out by the Seagrams Co., in the biggest entertainment merger in years. After their contact at Interscope was fired, the four-piece band found itself sitting by the phone, waiting for any word on its record. The group's plight earned a front-page color spot in the Washington Post's entertainment section earlier this summer, in which the musicians discussed the many difficulties in working with a major label. After several fruitless months, they were informed that they had been dropped. The band finally returned to the DeSoto label (run by ex-Jawbox members Kim Coletta and Bill Barbot) and released the album over six months behind schedule.

Despite its late arrival (and horrendous cover design), "Emergency and I" delivers the goods like only the Dismemberment Plan can. The DC quartet's third LP manages to sound like everything, and yet nothing, in your CD collection. Challenging the conventions of pop rock, the Plan incorporate odd time signatures, fuzzy synthesizers, and spastic shouting into their quirky, geek-rock style. "What do you Want Me to Say?" wins the award for the most intelligent pop-rock song of the year; "The City" gets even the most flat-footed prom date's booty shaking; and "Girl O'Clock" evokes the falsetto shower voices we all pretend we don't have.

This CD is a must have for anyone who enjoys fun pop rock, but can't stand the crap that is constantly overplayed and overheard on the radio. A refreshing release from a band that has withstood the trials and tribulations of the music industry, "Emergency and I" is a sure bet if you're looking for something different.



Music you definitely haven't heard of, but need to:

The Faint, "Blank-Wave Arcade" (Saddle Creek) *****

How this CD found its way to my desk, I'll never know. But thank whoever is in charge that it did, because I've had to listen to so much terrible college rock in the last three months that I had almost given up on music altogether. With "Blank-Wave Arcade," The Faint has completely (and single-handedly) restored my faith in the ability of bands to create a new and innovative sound during a creatively stagnant and depressing cycle of music.

Whenever a band accomplishes something new, everyone immediately begins the impossible task of trying to classify it into an already existing category. This three-piece is a victim of countless comparisons that all fail to capture the originality of its music. On its web page, there is an unabridged list of over 40 comparisons to bands such as Kraftwerk, Brainiac, and Depeche Mode. Descriptions, such as "a hardcore Duran-Duran,"

"Pulp meets Devo," and "an 80's video arcade," aren't entirely accurate, but do provide a laugh.

What the band does sound like is an aggressive fusion of 80's New Wave and 90's Techno. The lyrical content of each song is extremely sexually oriented, but in an intelligent and mature matter. Tracks such as "Sex is Personal" and "Call Call" show The Faint's more aggro-rock (yet winsome) side, while "Sealed Human" conjures images of factories where the worker drones of a technological era slave their lives away.

In short, hunt this CD down at all cost. The Faint has invented a new sound, and sooner or later, every wanna-be band in the nation will be biting and scratching each other to get on the bandwagon. Will you be able to say you were there when the revolution against conformity began?

What's Happening? A Guide to Campus Events

Rinehart continues Environmental Lecture Series

Dr. Keith Rinehart, Vice-President of Environmental Services at Perdue Farms Inc., will talk about the "Environment and the 21st Century" on Tuesday, Nov. 30, at 7 p.m. in the Holloway Hall Auditorium.

Free and open to the public, Rinehart's presentation is part of a fall lecture series that examines environmental issues both locally and globally.

Rinehart's responsibilities include overseeing a team of environmental management professionals who apply Perdue's commitment to environmental stewardship throughout the company, as well as work to ensure compliance with all regulatory requirements.

Rinehart, who has a unique combination of expertise in science, applied nutrition and poultry management, has made many contributions to the industry and to the discipline of poultry science.

A native of southwest Arkansas, Rinehart majored in poultry science at the University of Arkansas while working part-time at the University Farm Feedmill. He

received a B.S. in 1961 and a master's in poultry nutrition in 1964. In 1967, he earned a Ph.D. in animal science/biochemistry from Purdue University.

He worked for 15 years in poultry nutrition - 10 years at Ralston Purina in St. Louis and five years at Fieldale at Gainesville, GA - before joining Perdue Farms in 1982.

His first position at Perdue was as Director of Nutrition. He was named Vice-President of Technical Services in 1985, and promoted to his current position in 1998.

Rinehart is active in industry organizations, having served as president of Delmarva Poultry Institute (DPI). In 1991, he received the DPI Distinguished Citizen Award. He served as president of the Poultry Science Association, and in 1995, received the title of Fellow.

Rinehart's lecture is sponsored by SSU's Faculty Cultural Affairs Committee and the Franklin P. Perdue School of Business. For more information, call Public Relations at 410-543-6030.

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GULL'S NEST EATERY

Dream season ends in NCAA Elite Eight

Lenny Mierzwa
Sports Writer

On Saturday, Nov. 13, SSU's Men's Soccer team traveled to Virginia Beach to play their first NCAA Tournament game in the team's history. The Gulls beat Washington University of St. Louis, Missouri in a 3-2 shootout to advance to the NCAA Division III South Regional finals.

During regulation, Bernard Edwards and Paul Kelly scored for the Gulls to tie the score at 2-2. The two teams then played two scoreless overtime periods before being forced to go into a five-shot penalty period. In the shootout, Seniors Kyle Eberhardt and Bob Thomas converted their kicks, while goalie Mike Svehla stopped four of five Washington shots.

The Gulls advanced to the South Regional final where they played Greens-

boro College on Sunday, Nov. 14. Greensboro advanced to the Regional Championship after beating Virginia Wesleyan on Saturday. Two-second half goals by Matt Bowman and Bernie Edwards propelled the Gulls to a 2-0 victory. This is the second time the Gulls have beaten Greensboro this season, a team that finished second in the nation last season.

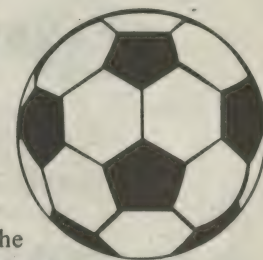
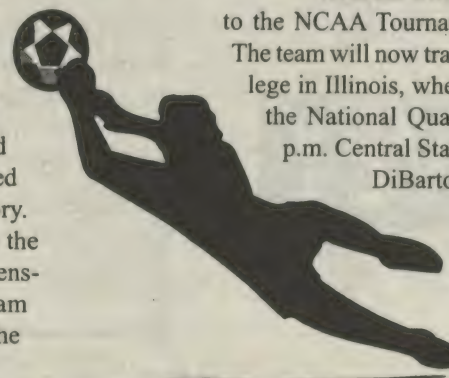
Coach Gerry DiBartolo commented on his team's success versus Greensboro this year, "We are a deeper team than Greensboro. We can go deep into our bench and get quality play from our athletes. We also like to push the tempo of the game and Greensboro likes to slow it down, which enables us to wear

teams down."

With the win, the Gulls advanced to the NCAA Tournament's Final Eight. The team will now travel to Wheaton College in Illinois, where they will play in the National Quarterfinal game at 1 p.m. Central Standard Time. Coach

DiBartolo has three keys to this game that he thinks will decide the winner. "We would like to shut them out, we want to push the tempo, and

we want to force them to chase us around the field. If we can do these three things, we should be able to win." DiBartolo also made mention of two strong forwards on Wheaton who have scored 20 goals each this season. Salisbury would like to keep these two in check on Saturday.



Football goes 2-7 in Wood's debut season

Steve McIntosh
Sports Writer

The SSU football team finished its first season under the guidance of Head Coach Sherman Wood with a record of 2-7 (2-4 in Atlantic Coast Football Conference) and tied for fourth in the seven team conference. SSU senior running back Myron Dent also received the Offensive Co-Player of the Year in the ACFC for his season.

The football team was forced to overcome many obstacles this season. The gap in time between the resignation of former coach Joe Rotolini and the hiring of Wood affected the team in many ways. The team was not able to truly implement Wood's program as a result of this lack of

time. The time period without a coach was detrimental to the recruiting period and possibly cost the team some players.

Despite these obstacles, Coach Wood gave the season a grade of C+. "It was somewhat disappointing that we didn't win as many games as I would have liked. The plus comes into play where we were just 15 points from a winning season," said Coach Wood. Coach Wood was also pleased with the effort put out by the team especially at the end of the year against ACFC Champ Frostburg. "I believe we had a pretty good season. We were learning a new system, with new coaches- a new brand of football. We had different things

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Despite their record, the Gulls fought every week against some of the best programs in the nation.

ACFC announces awards

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we had to get a grasp on," said senior defensive end Tony Ruapaul.

Dent was named Offensive Co-Player of the Year along with wide receiver Greg Cooper of Frostburg. Dent rushed for 1,027 of the team's 1,349 yards this season. He led the conference all year in rushing and has been nationally ranked most of the season in yards per game, finishing the year averaging 114.1 yards. Dent is the eighth SSU back to rush for a thou-

sand yards and only the second in 13 years. Dent led the conference in all-purpose yards with 1,223, averaging 135.9 per game. Dent was a first team All-ACFC selection.

Joining Dent on the First-Team is defensive back Seth Haskins. Haskins was among the conference leaders with nine pass deflections and one interception.

On the Second-Team was linebacker Pat Brannon, who was second in the conference in tackles, with 96 and was among the leaders in sacks and forced

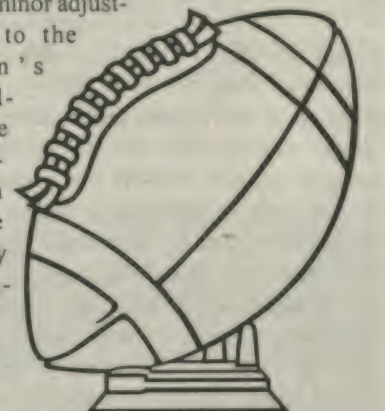
fumbles. Brannon is joined by defensive back Du'Juan Wilson, who had four interceptions and 56 tackles. Offensive guard Jim Kirk was also selected as well as tight end Ryan Brooks who caught 90 passes for his career, placing him fifth all-time in SSU history.

Of SSU's honorable mentions for the ACFC were center Ken Shuckie, defensive tackle Chris Morandi, linebacker Anthony Parker, defensive back Foster Epps, and Haskins, who was nationally ranked for kickoff returns.

Wood believes that the team has not yet truly integrated into his program. "Honestly, I feel there is still work to do in establishing the program," he said. Wood believes he was too lenient at times making decisions. "I wanted to make the transition as smooth as possible and really didn't want to step on anyone's toes," said

Wood. Wood stressed that his philosophy will be totally in place by next season.

As for the future, Wood sees nothing but good things. "I would truly, truly like for our program to be where it was when I was a player here, and see us in a post-season game," he commented. Wood believes that this goal is very possible with some minor adjustment to the team's schedule, the position will be very attainable.



Congratulations to Gina Dean, who was selected NFHCA All-America First Team for field hockey. This is Dean's fourth post-season award, including CAC Player of the Year.

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* Season Wrap-up

Volleyball falls short of NCAA Tournament

Dan Palenchar
Sports Writer

The SSU Women's Volleyball Team, in defense of its CAC crown, made an early exit from the CAC tournament by losing to York College of Pennsylvania at Maggs Gymnasium on Tuesday, Nov. 1. The loss shocked the crowd at Maggs since the second-seeded Gulls beat the seventh-seeded Spartans, 3-0, earlier this year.

Salisbury dropped the first two games, 15-3 and 15-11, but won the next two games with outstanding performances from Liz Houser, Kara Kowalski, Lisa Headd, Donna Hudson, and Katie Korreck. Korreck, who led the Gulls with 40 assists, helped Hudson on most of her team leading 16 kills. Kowalski, who led the Gulls with 29 digs, and Headd, who added 13 kills, also contributed to the comeback effort.

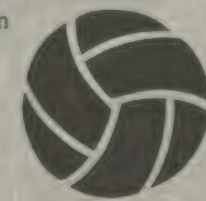
With the match knotted at 2-2, SSU lost a heart breaking fifth game, 17-15. Salisbury tied the

game at 11 after trailing the Spartans for the entire game. The teams traded points until York's Jill Crouse-Wolf finished the game and match with two service points.

SSU coach Margie Knight said, "We could hold our heads up high. We left everything on the court," after witnessing her team's gutsy performance.

The upset in the first round of the CAC tournament brought a disappointing end to SSU's season after winning the tournament last year. "Our goal was to get to the NCAA tournament, but you can't judge an entire season on one match," Knight said.

Seniors Mandy Heagy and Liz Houser played their last game for the Gulls. Knight is confident about the 2000 season despite losing the senior captains. "At times we played with three freshmen on the floor this year, so I'm optimistic



about next season. I'm always optimistic," Knight said.

College Hoops Preview

So many teams... Each with the same goal

Matt Briggs
Contributing Writer

A new season has begun in college basketball, which means one thing. There will be 318 teams battling for 64 tournament spots...all trying to reach one goal... a National Championship.

The beauty of college basketball is that from top to bottom, every single team has a chance to make history. In no other sport can a team finish the regular season with no wins and still be able to compete for and possibly win a championship. This is what makes college basketball so special. The rivalries, the upsets, the fans, the dynasties, and the Cinderella stories create an atmosphere that cannot be touched by any professional sport out there. At the start of the regular season, questions about teams are asked. By mid-December, questions are answered, and in March the madness occurs. The excitement builds as teams head into the post-season, hoping to reach the Final Four in Indianapolis. In the 1999-2000 season, teams will be gunning for the defending champ, the University of Connecticut.

Georgetown and the rest of the Big East will answer the question of whether or not Khalid El-Amin can lead the Huskies back to another championship. Michigan State will try to return to prominence in the Big Ten; Maryland will be forced to rebuild its team; and the University of Michigan will be looking to turn things around after a few years of disappointment. Auburn will continue to roll, Florida will begin to build a solid program in Gainesville, and sleepers like Gonzaga

will try to sneak up on teams. Here are some of the teams and players to keep an eye on as the season goes into full swing.

Players to Watch-

If Duke University is going to enjoy any success, Shane Battier will have to do more than score and rebound. Battier will be called upon to group his young teammates together and, by tournament time, have them playing as one single unit. Battier averaged 9.1 points and 4.9 rebounds per game and was the team's top defender last year. In the same respect, Terrance Morris of Maryland will be asked to take on a leadership role if the Terps are going to do anything in the competitive ACC. Morris had a breakout season last year averaging nearly 16 points per game. DePaul University Head Coach Pat Kennedy breathed a sigh of relief when he heard the news that forward Quentin Richardson opted to stay in school another year. Kennedy's happiness was justified—Richardson averaged 18.9 points and 10.4 rebounds per game as a freshman. Michael Redd is another big name guard who can score at will and should improve this year. Redd and Scoonie Penn led Ohio State's surprising run deep into the NCAA Tournament last year, and many Buckeye fans are expecting the same thing from the dynamic duo this year. Junior center Chris Mihm averaged a double-double for the Texas Longhorns in the Big Twelve Conference last year. Mihm is the pre-season pick for Big Twelve Player of the Year, but it is a team game and Mihm needs more help if his Longhorns are going to have

another winning season under Head Coach Rick Barnes. After getting into shape and adjusting to Temple's style of defense, Mark Karcher became a dominant force in the Atlantic Ten Conference. Karcher averaged 15 points per game and six rebounds as a sophomore. Pre-season Player of the Year, Chris Porter, continues to improve and dominate the Southeastern Conference. Porter came out of nowhere to average an impressive 16 points and 8.6 rebounds per game. The athletic 6'7" forward led his Auburn Tigers team to a number one seed in last year's tournament. With 11 returning players, Head Coach Cliff Ellis is very confident Porter can lead his team to another SEC Championship. Also, don't overlook big time players at small schools like Courtney Alexander (Fresno State.), Mike Pegues (University of Delaware), Jason Rowe (Loyola, MD), and Jeryl Sasser (Southern Methodist).

Top Conference-

With talent spread throughout the conference this year, the Atlantic Coast Conference hopes to continue its tradition of dominance in the NCAA. Unlike past seasons in the 90's, one powerhouse school will not dominate the ACC this year. Many teams are looking for newcomers and role players to fill the void left from several losses of marquee players to the NBA. The emergence of parity in the ACC brings back the suspense and excitement that has been lacking in recent years. With the field wide open, many teams are hoping to start out on the right foot. UNC and Duke are predicted as candidates to win the regular season championship.

University of North Carolina is led by pre-season All-American point guard Ed Cota. Cota is surrounded by a talented group of youngsters who look to earn second year Head Coach Bill Guthridge his first ACC crown.

Duke University is recuperating after losing three of its top players to the NBA draft. Coach Krzyzewski hopes sophomore sensation Shane Battier and a talented group of high school All-American freshmen will lead Duke back to a Final Four appearance.

After a tough season a year ago, Wake Forest returns all five starters in hopes of turning some heads this season, on its way to an NCAA tournament berth. Head Coach Dave Odom will rely on junior guard Robert O'Kelley, who averaged 17.4 points per game, to continue his ex-

The Flyer's Top 25

1. Auburn
2. Michigan State
3. Temple
4. North Carolina
5. Arizona
6. Connecticut
7. Cincinnati
8. Duke
9. Ohio State
10. Florida
11. Kentucky
12. DePaul
13. Kansas
14. UCLA
15. Stanford
16. Maryland
17. Tennessee
18. Utah
19. Syracuse
20. Wake Forest
21. Georgia Tech
22. St. John's
23. Purdue
24. Iowa
25. Georgetown

cellent play and hopefully rack up a few more wins for the team.

Behind Herb Sendek's tutelage, North Carolina State will become a strong force in the ACC. Georgia Tech's front-line, with 7'0" senior Jason Collier and 6'11" junior Alvin Jones, is the meat and potatoes of the Yellow Jacket offense. If there is one thing stopping Tech from winning an ACC Championship, it is lack of experience at the guard position.

With the leadership of fiery coach Pete Gillen and a talented group of freshmen guards, the University of Virginia should improve its status in the conference. Meanwhile, the University of Maryland hopes to rebound from losing several key

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Let the Madness begin!

BASKETBALL from page 22
players from last year's team. Instead of enjoying March Madness, Seminole fans will be preparing for the next football season, and for good reason! Clemson will join Florida State as the cellar dwellers of the conference and battle for the last position in the ACC. After last year's disappointment of only sending three teams to the NCAA tournament, look for a change this season as six teams will represent the ACC.

Prime Time Coaches-

It isn't often that a first year coach is expected to turn a program around in his first year of duty, however, in Iowa, that is just what needs to happen. First-year Iowa University Coach, Steve Alford, has high expectations of moving his team to the upper echelon of the Big Ten Conference after replacing legendary coach Tom Davis. Someone who isn't new to the coaching ranks, is Temple's legendary coach John Chaney. The Temple Owls will storm through the Atlantic Ten with ease and plan on doing the same come March. Known for the tenacious defense his teams play, Chaney will rely on All-American Mark Karcher to provide the offense needed to lead his team to victory.

The Buzz down south is that Billy Donovan is making a name for his University of Florida Basketball Team. Donovan, in his second year of coaching, is trying to shed the schools label as being only a "football school".

Coaches on the hot seat-

The rap on Gary Williams is that he can't win the big game. After a disappointing loss in the Tournament last year, Williams and the Terps will be lucky to even make the Tournament this year. Look for Williams to be sent packing if the Terps are denied a tournament berth. After an 8-21 record last year, Head Coach Eddie Fogler has Gamecock fans looking for a replacement. Fogler experienced success in the mid 90's but with the loss of two stellar guards, South Carolina has become a joke in the Southeastern Conference.

Teams on the Rise-

The Georgetown Hoyas, led by Kevin Braswell, are coming off a losing season, something that is not common in the nation's capital. The Hoyas return all five starters and expect big things out of junior center Boumtje Boumtje. Now that Craig Esherick is calling the shots, the

Hoyas are primed for a tournament run deep into March. Little-known University of Maryland of Baltimore County has surprised many people in the Northeast Conference with its success last year. It is hard to improve after a season in which UMBC went 19-9, but that is what is expected from a stellar backcourt led by Terence Ward and sharp-shooting guard Tim Hyland. Don't think Head Coach Tom Sullivan won't have his team reading the story of David vs. Goliath when his Retrievers march into College Park on Dec. 30 to face the Terrapins.

Teams on the Decline-

With the absence of a dominant scorer and the loss of four starters, Clemson University will be hurting in the competitive ACC. The Tigers will only have five-scholarship athletes return from last year, forcing them to play catch up this year. The lack of size in the frontcourt this season will have Head Coach Larry Shyatt wondering if former Clemson big men Dale Davis and Elden Campbell have any eligibility left. Jim Harrick, last year's head coach of Rhode Island, moved on to University of Georgia and All-Conference swingman Lamar Odom moved on to the NBA. Harrick's departure leaves a new head coach and freshman sensation Zach Marbury to pick up the pieces of this once formidable opponent. Rhode Island will be lucky to get out of the weak Atlantic Ten Conference and back into post-season play.

Top Newcomers-

Two of the top newcomers in the 1999-2000 season are starting for ACC teams. Majestic Mapp, 6'1" point guard from Oak Hill Academy, hopes to steer his Virginia Cavalier teammates in the right direction. Mapp is such a talent that he has moved last year's starting point guard, Donald Hand, from point guard to the shooting guard. The NBA is in Damien Wilkins' blood and it shows in his game. The 6'6" North Carolina State swingman, son of former NBA All-Star Gerald Wilkins, has secured a starting spot in Raleigh. Arizona's head coach was left with the task of replacing record-breaking guard Jason Terry. However, he did just that over the off-

season by signing freshman guard Jason Gardner from North Central High School in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Predictions-

At the end of the season, there will be only one team left standing, and that team will be Auburn. That's right, the SEC will once again have a national championship team, but unlike in years past, this time the team won't be from Lexington. If Auburn can get help from the bench, the team may possibly roll through the SEC undefeated. One player will receive all the accolades that a star deserves. The Player of the Year will be DePaul's Quentin Richardson. Once again, Richardson will average double figures in both points and rebounds, but this time, he will take the "other" Blue Devils straight to the Sweet 16. DePaul fans shouldn't get too excited because Richardson will forgoe his last two seasons

and take his lucrative award with him to the NBA. University of Virginia will hope to keep its newcomer of the year, Majestic Mapp, in school a few more years. By the end of December, Mapp will have UVA fans seeing flashes of former Cavalier great, Cory Alexander. Wake Forest Head Coach Dave Odom will rebound from a disappointing season to take his team to the Elite Eight and in doing so, receive Coach of the Year honors. For all Bobby Knight fans, cherish this season because unless Indiana reaches the Final Four, Mr. Knight will be out of Indiana and the Big Ten Conference for good.

**Final Four
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Arizona vs. Temple

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The 1999 National Champions, Connecticut Huskies, led by Khalid El-Amin (right), will have a difficult time repeating as champions.



Daniel Namorato
Sports Editor

Beat the Editor

The pigskin prognosticator turned in another fine week, going 13-3. Once again, I have gone undefeated. Among the tough losses were Wake Forest's upset of Georgia Tech, Florida falling at home, and Green Bay turning things around against Detroit.

REMINDER:

All entries must be received by Wednesday, Nov. 24 by 5:00 p.m.

Good luck and keep trying!

My record:
86-56

Contest Rules:

1. Put an "X" in the box next to the teams you predict will win.
2. The contestant with the most correct each week will be declared winner.
3. In the case of a tie, the tie-breaker box will be used to determine the winner.
4. All entries must be received by 7:00 pm Friday.
5. Beat The Editor is open to SSU students, faculty and staff.
6. All entries can be dropped off in front of the dining hall, next to the newspaper stand.
7. Any questions, feel free to call *The Flyer*, 3-6191.

Picks for the Week:

NFL-

NY GIANTS over Cardinals- The G-Men own Arizona.
PATRIOTS over Bills- New England comes up big in this key AFC East contest.
NY Jets over COLTS - These Jets have turned things around.
RAIDERS over Chiefs - This AFC West clash goes to Oakland.
STEELERS over Bengals- Is Kordell Stewart's job in jeopardy?
RAVENS over Jaguars - My upset special of the week!
SEAHAWKS over Buccaneers- Mike Holmgren has made all the difference for Seattle.
REDSKINS over Eagles - Washington gets revenge from its loss to Philly a few weeks ago.
VIKINGS over Chargers- This one will get ugly...early!
Titans over BROWNS- Tennessee is still battling Jacksonville for the AFC Central crown.

College-

MIAMI over Syracuse - A disappointing year for these two teams.
STANFORD over Notre Dame- The Irish will be sitting home on New Years.
Nebraska over COLORADO- The Cornhuskers keep its national title hopes alive.
Texas over TEXAS A&M- This classic rivalry renews with the Longhorns coming out on top.
Virginia Tech over BOSTON COLLEGE - What a job Tom O'Brien has done resurrecting the Eagles.
GEORGIA TECH over Georgia- This in-state war will go to the Yellow Jackets.

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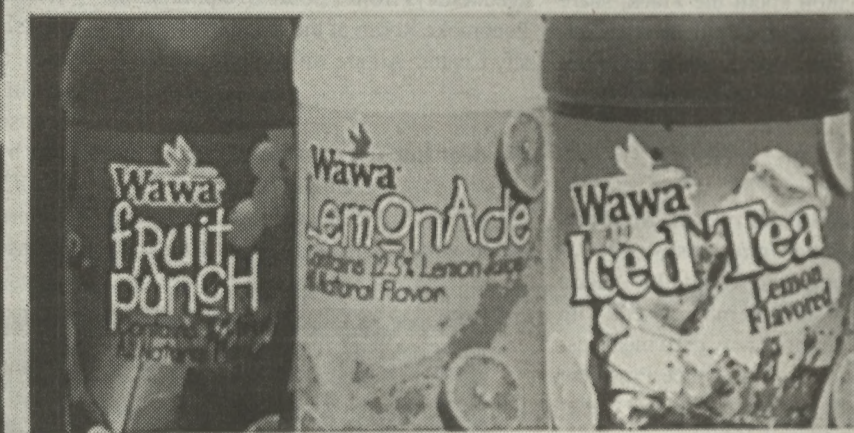
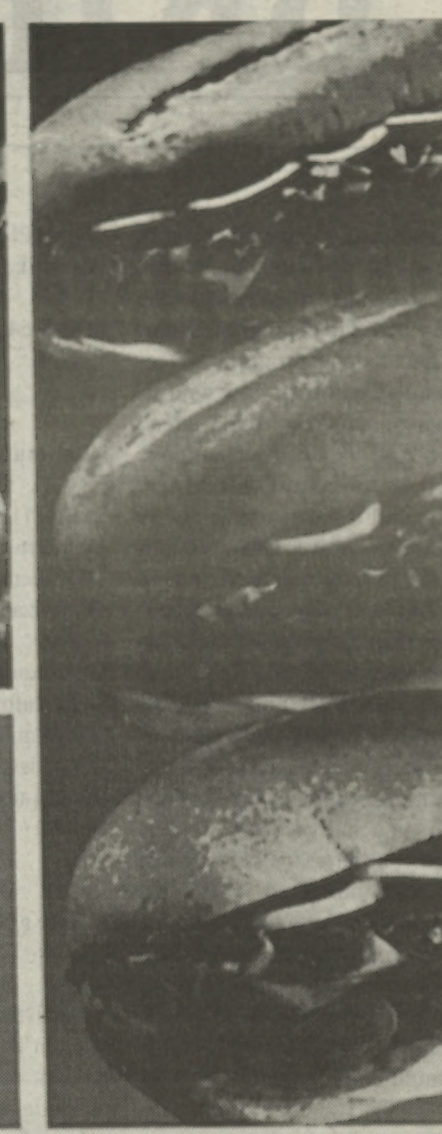
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Bike Club News

The SSU Bike Club is offering a wonderful opportunity for a winter break trip to sunny Florida from Jan. 7-16, 2000.

The club will travel to historical St. Augustine and from there, bike each day across the state. Bikers will average 40 miles each day, but each person may ride distances they prefer. Except for motel accommodations, the first and last nights of the trip, the club will be camping in beautiful state parks. In addition to biking-canoeing, swimming with the manatees, camping and sight-seeing are the highlights.

Cost of the trip is \$175. A \$50 deposit is due by December 14 and the balance of \$125 must be paid by January 4. Please pay all monies to Dean Burroughs, (Chair of the Department of Physical Education), MC 233-Maggs

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You may reach Dean Burroughs at 410-543-6344 for any additional information.

Communication Arts Interest Meeting

On Tuesday, Dec. 7, at 4:30 p.m. in FH111 an Interest Meeting will be held by Interpersonal/Organizational faculty for all students interested in Interpersonal and Organizational Communication.

This will be our first meeting. Our agenda will be to establish a network, share information about the Track, share information about professional organizations, listen to students' needs and answer their questions. Refreshments will be served.

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Social Work Club

Holiday Greetings from the Social Work Club! This semester is going fast, but we've accomplished a lot of good things-in Sept. the club raised \$1400 in the Relay for Life-way to go!! Thanks to all of you that supported the Oct. bake sale, half the proceeds from the sales go to local charity. Coming in December, we are adopting a family for Christmas and the Adopt-a-Grandparent volunteers will be going out to the Atria Assisted Living Fa-

cility to decorate residents' doors. If you would like to attend a social work club meeting, or become involved in any of the activities, check the bulletin boards in Caruthers Hall or the University Center for more information! Happy Thanksgiving to all and a safe trip to those traveling!

SSU Gospel Choir Practice

The SSU Gospel Choir is devoted to spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ through song. We minister to SSU and the community. Our hopes are to help others see the LIGHT of the World. We meet Wednesdays from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. in the Pocomoke Room of the Guerrieri University Center. All are welcome to attend.

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Study Skills Workshops

SSU's Student Counseling Services provides study skills workshops throughout the Fall Semester. Tuesday, Nov. 30 at 3:30 p.m. will mark the next workshop. The topic discussed by SSU Academic Success Counselor, will be "Learning Styles & Thinking Skills." All workshops are located in the Blackwell Library, Seminar Rm. #131. To guarantee a seat in the workshop, please call Student Counseling Services at 410-543-6070 or stop by the Guerrieri University Center Rm. #262, to schedule an appointment with Robert Crawley, the Academic Success Counselor.

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CRIME BEAT

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Jim Phillips

Director of Public Safety

10/25-11/9-Theft-a vacuum cleaner was reported missing from the Graduate House.

11/13-False Fire Alarm-a fire alarm pull station was activated in the St. Martin lounge by an unknown person.

11/15-Assault & Battery-a staff member and a visitor were involved in an argument that turned physical. Criminal charges have been filed. A no-trespass letter will be sent to the visitor who is the suspect.

11/13-Armed Robbery (off campus)-Salisbury Police received a report of an armed robber that occurred in the 200 block of Princeton Av. Two victims were getting into their vehicle when they were approached by two people. One of them displayed a black,

semi-automatic handgun and demanded money. They are described as B/M, 5'10", 160lbs., wearing a dark hooded sweatshirt, black type ski mask, and blue jeans. The suspect displayed a handgun. Limited description of the second suspect.

11/15-Recovered Stolen Property-University Police received information that a Proxima projector, that had been reported stolen from Caruthers Hall between

10/22-10/25, could be located at an off campus address. Officers responded to a house on S. Division St. and spoke to the occupants. The projector, valued at over \$5,200 was recovered. One of the residents, a SSU student will be arrested and charged with felony theft and related charges. Administrative action is pending.

11/5-11/16-Theft-a flag of the country of Morocco was reported stolen from the Rotunda of the Commons. The flag is described as measuring 4' x 6', red in color with a green star in the middle.

11/15-Theft-a student reported that a mountain bike was stolen from the front of the Library.

11/17-Telephone Misuse-a resident of Nanticoke Hall reported receiving and annoying and unwanted phone call.

11/17-Vandalism-the lower glass section of the 1st floor rear exterior door of Maggs Gym was broken.

11/18-Underage Possession Of Alcoholic Beverages-six underage residents were found to be in possession of beer in a room in Chester Hall. Administrative action is pending.

11/9-11/17-Theft-two VCR's were reported stolen from a storage room on the 2nd floor of the Commons.

11/12-11/15-Theft-a student reported that a green parking permit, #4195 was stolen from a vehicle.

11/18-Marijuana Violation-two marijuana plants and paraphernalia was found in a room in Pocomoke Hall. Two residents face criminal and administrative charges.

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